

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of The Study

People have feelings that can be expressed to others either through oral or action. People have feelings such as anger, happiness, mad, admiration, and love. Love is needed in human life. Love is a feeling that makes people happy and sad at the same time. People will express their feelings through actions and words based on the feelings that will be conveyed. In feelings of love, people will convey feelings to their partners through oral and action. Romantic love is related to teenagers. Teenagers will enjoy their love passionately without thinking about their future. Love is a feeling that it arises from a personal or family relationship through strong feelings of affection (www.Merriam-Webster.com).

One of the authors who concerned about romantic love is John Green. John Green was born in 1977 in the United States. John Green is a novelist, YouTuber, and content creator of education in United States. There are seven novels that he published. His first novel is *Looking in Alaska* won a prize in 2004. The sixth novel is *The Fault in Our Stars*. The novel raises the issue of cancer sufferer's love story. On January 10, 2012, this novel was published. The novel has been translated into several languages. The novel received an award as Best Young Adult Fiction in 2012 (www.goodreads.com). The novel adapted into a movie in 2014.

Romantic love concerned to teenagers. Romantic love happens in teenagers. Teenagers usually love each other with passion and intimacy. Teenagers will love their couple without commitment. One of the examples of his books that concerned about love and teenagers is *The Fault in Our Stars*. This novel narrated about teenagers who have cancer. John Green raised the story about romantic love in the novel.

The novel tells about a girl at sixteen years old, her name is Hazel. Thyroid cancer in her lungs is a disease suffered by her. So, she should bring the oxygen tank everywhere. She joined the support group to find friends and activities. She met a boy named Augustus Waters in the club. August has a friend named Isaac. Isaac has blind eyes. August and Hazel start talking to each other and become friends. Augustus brought Hazel home to watch a movie together and gave her a novel. Hazel like novels, Hazel shows a novel called *An Imperial Affliction* novel to August. *An Imperial Affliction* novel has not an ending and she is so curious about the ending of this book. So, she tried to contact the author. She told August that she wanted to meet with the writer. August mailed to the writer of *An Imperial Affliction* but the assistant of the author answered his email. August promised to bring Hazel to the author. After a while, Hazel and August went to Amsterdam to meet the author, Peter Van Houten. They had romantic events in Amsterdam. They fell in love. Hazel and August were very excited to meet Peter. When they met Peter, they were very disappointed because Peter was an alcohol addict and he ruined Hazel. Hazel was mad and she wanted to go back to America but Peter's assistant brought Hazel and August to look around Amsterdam. They visited Anna's Frank house, a place where they had their first kiss. They started to talk about their feeling.

In the morning, Hazel got bad news; August told her that he had cancer. They finally returned to America and August has a therapy. Not long after that, August died. Hazel was very sad but she realized that Augusts' parents were sadder. At the funeral, she was shocked because Peter came to the funeral. Hazel talked to peter and realized that the story written by Peter in his novel is a story about his daughter's death caused by cancer. A few days after the funeral, Isaac told Hazel that August wrote something before he died. Hazel tried to find Augusts' writing. She hoped that the writing was the end of the *An Imperial Affliction* story. After she found Augusts' writing, she sent an email to Peter. She stated that August wrote the ending of the novel and also he wrote about how he treated his loved ones.

The Fault in Our Stars novel is an interesting novel. Three reasons make the researcher analyze the novel. First, the character and characterization of the novel are so interesting. The novel describes the major character of this novel is strong and never gives up. The major characters of *The Fault in Our Stars* novel have thyroid cancer but they still struggle and never give up with their illness. The major characters in this novel still love each other although they have cancer.

The second reason is the background in the novel is interesting. The background is not monotonous. The author gives some different setting of place; such as hospital, Netherlands, plane, and home. The setting of time also changes from summer to winter. Setting of place and time make the writer's interest in analyzing the novel.

The third reason is the plot of the novel. The plot has a good causality. The plot is harmonious and causal. The plot of this story has cause and effect on the character. Besides, the plot is well-structured. It is harmonious from the beginning to the end. The plot of this story did not have a flashback.

The fourth reason, the writing style is interesting. The grammar and structure of this writing are like daily use of language by teenagers in the United States. Readers can easily read and understand what the author writes in the novel. It makes the researcher interested in reading and analyzing the novel.

Based on those reasons, the researcher interested in analyzing the romantic love between the major characters in *The Fault in Our Stars* novel based on the Psychological and Sociological approaches. So, the researcher took the title **THE ROMANTIC LOVE REFLECTED IN JOHN GREEN'S THE FAULT IN OUR STARS NOVEL (2012): A SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE.**

B. Problem Statements

Based on the study, the researches study some research question of this study as stated below:

1. What is the characteristic of romantic love in *The Fault in Our Stars* novel?
2. How is romantic love depicted in *The Fault in Our Stars* Novel?
3. Why is romantic love specifically addressed by the author in *The Fault in Our Stars* novel?

C. Objectives of the Study

Based on the questions above, the researcher find the objectives of the research as stated below:

1. To identify the characteristic of romantic love in *The Fault in Our Stars* novel.
2. To describe how romantic love depicted in *The Fault in Our Stars* novel.
3. To reveal the underlying reasons of romantic love that specifically addressed by the author in *The Fault in Our Stars* novel.

D. Benefits of the Study

The study of the romantic love has two benefits:

1. Theoretically

This research is proposed to provide an involvement of literary study in *The Fault in Our Stars* novel.

2. Practically

The results of this research will develop the writer's knowledge of The Romantic Love in *The Fault in Our Stars* novel.